



Family Court Project

Jackson County

Basic Information

Population:	40,000
County Seat:	Brownstown
Judicial Officers:	Hon. Bruce MacTavish
Date of Project Implementation:	5/1/2003
Project Judge/s:	Hon. Bruce MacTavish
Administrative Contact:	Patrick McSoley
Project Funding:	Grant Funds and co pays

Family Court Mission Statement

Please provide a mission statement for your Family Court Programming

The Family Court Program seeks to expand access to family court for low income and pro se parties, to help parties avoid the high conflict of court proceedings and encouraging them to resolve their own disputes. The Family Court Program always seeks to help parents to make decisions that are in the best interests of their children

Family Court Programming

Please provide a description your Family Court Programming

The Family Court Program in Brown, Jackson and Lawrence Counties provide mediation and document preparation services to pro se and low income parties and facilitations in CHINS cases. The program expands access to the system while encouraging parties to resolve their own disputes and avoid the high conflict and stressful uncertainty of trial. The family Court Program encourages co-parenting and communication with the major focus being the best interests of the children.

Number of Families Served

Please provide an estimate of the number of families served through the Family Court Programming

The Family Court Program In Brown Jackson and Lawrence Counties has served more than 4,000 families since 1993

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